

founding of Prince George's parish. The Parish, and its home, Christ Episcopal Church, make up the oldest congregation in Rockville, Maryland.

In 1726, the Prince George's Parish was excised from the original southern Maryland parishes, and began to serve the small population on the banks of Rock Creek. The original log chapel was replaced in 1808 by a brick church, and then in 1822, moved one mile to downtown Rockville.

During the Civil War, Christ Church played a role in the underground railroad, despite the presence of slave owners within the parish. Following the war, in 1884, the parish began construction of its current building, strongly influenced by the popular gothic revival architecture. A short time later, in 1896, Christ Episcopal Church joined the newly founded Diocese of Washington, forming a community of churches in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region.

The past century has seen a series of additions to the original church building. In the mid-1960's, the worship space was expanded and new classroom space was added. This allowed the growing congregation to remain in downtown Rockville, and cemented the partnership between the parish and the Christ Episcopal School.

Education plays an important role in Christ Episcopal Church. In addition to the presence of Christ Episcopal School, the Christ Church hosts a seminarian from the Virginia Theological Seminary for a two-year field education placement. Parishioners attend weekly bible study and adult covenant classes, where students learn about the history of the Episcopal church, and the development of the Christian faith. All of this is in addition to the normal Sunday School classes.

Service also plays a leading role at the church. Congregants volunteer at the Rockville Nursing home and with Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery and Frederick counties. The church recently hosted visiting preacher Reverend Joshua Louw, rector of a parish serving a population of individuals relocated by apartheid, from the companion Diocese of Cape-town, South Africa.

Of course, worship is the primary function in the Parish. The Reverends John S. McDuffie and Susan Astarita lead the parishioners in worship every Wednesday and Sunday.

I am extremely proud to have the Prince George's Parish in my Congressional district. Its fascinating history and rich tradition of education, service, and faith, is a source of inspiration for all Americans. I join with the Prince Georges's parishioners in celebrating this impressive 275th anniversary.

TAIWAN BELONGS IN THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, in 1996 Taiwan held the first ever direct election for president and four years later, in the presidential election of 2000, opposition party candidate Chen Shui-bian won the presidential election. Miraculously, Taiwan had a peaceful transfer of power, and for the first time in fifty years,

an opposition party replaced the ruling party. Today, Taiwan's democracy is in full bloom. Every political office is contested through free and fair elections, thus dispelling the myth that democracy and Asians don't mix.

Taiwan's rapid evolution into a full fledged democracy with a capitalist free-market economy clearly signals that Taiwan is ready to play a larger role on the international stage. Already, Taiwan is a member of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and participates actively in the Asian Development Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the Inter-American Development Bank.

Congress has repeatedly recognized Taiwan's desire to broaden its participation in the international arena by adopting legislation supporting Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization. The aftermath of the 1999 earthquake is a perfect example of why Taiwan should be allowed to participate. Unlike other disasters around the world, the United Nations delayed providing assistance to Taiwan until they got permission from China. If Taiwan had been a participant in the WHO, or better still, a member of the United Nations, no such delays would have occurred. Instead, thousands of Taiwanese suffered needlessly until the international community finally responded.

After one year in office, President Chen Shui-bian has a solid record of achievement for his nation. Taiwan continues to seek resumption of dialogue with the Chinese mainland regarding eventual reunification. In addition, Taiwan has maintained a strong relationship with the United States and other friendly nations. Taiwan stands tall among nations and over the years has played a significant role in helping other nations develop. Taiwan has sent over 10,000 experts to train technicians in developing countries and has provided aid to many countries in need. It has given much to the world and the world community is enriched as a result.

Unfortunately, despite Taiwan's desire to be a helpful global partner, Taiwan is not a member of the United Nations. It is time for the United Nations, on the principles of universality enshrined in the United Nations Charter, to acknowledge Taiwan's accomplishments and allow Taiwan to be a Member State.

Mr. Speaker, Taiwan belongs in the United Nations. I personally support Taiwan's bid to return to the United Nations and I urge other members to do so as well.

RECOGNITION OF RICHARD H. WALKER'S PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Richard H. Walker of New York State. Today, we bid him farewell as Director of Enforcement of the Securities & Exchange Commission and commend him for his ten year SEC tenure. More importantly, today, we offer our deep gratitude for his service to the American people.

An attorney by profession, Mr. Walker shared many years of his life as a public serv-

ant. He began his service to the SEC as the Director of Northeast Regional Office in 1991. He later moved to Washington, DC to become General Counsel and then, in 1998, he took the reigns as Director of Enforcement, the Commission's largest division. Mr. Walker has worked tirelessly for reform in securities litigation and earned his reputation as a brilliant, dedicated, and creative leader. As he returns to work in the private sector, Mr. Walker humbly calls his service to the SEC the "highlight of his legal career". We call his commitment an extraordinary contribution.

America's investors benefited greatly while Mr. Walker headed the SEC's nationwide enforcement effort. He led the division's fight against earnings management and other financial reporting abuses. He was the key force behind some of the most significant financial fraud cases ever brought forward in the history of the Commission, including those cases against: W.R. Grace, Cendant, McKesson HBOC, Microstrategy, Sunbeam, Arthur Andersen, and the 1999 landmark auditor independence case against PricewaterhouseCoopers.

A well-respected leader, Mr. Walker also stood out as a team player. He forged working relationships with state and local prosecutors and the FBI, resulting in a record numbers of criminal prosecutions for violations of federal securities law. His passion for justice was evident as he attacked organized crime in securities activities by coordinating civil and criminal prosecutions. He led several major, successful undercover sting operations, revealing the largest number of people ever charged with securities fraud.

The Commission also established the Internet Enforcement Program to combat internet securities fraud under Mr. Walker's direction. Because of Mr. Walker's efforts, an estimated 250 violators were held accountable. He rose to the challenge of advancing technology with characteristic determination.

Mr. Walker received many awards for his outstanding contributions during his ten years at the SEC, including: two-time receipt of the Chairman's Award for Excellence, the Commission's Distinguished Service Award, the Commission's Law and Policy Award for his key role in the government's successful appeal in U.S. vs. O'Hagan, a landmark case which upheld the misappropriation theory of insider trading. Today we award him with our deep gratitude and recognize him as an exemplary model of all that is good and right with our government.

I applaud him for his achievements while serving in three demanding positions at the SEC and thank him on behalf of all those whose lives he affected for the better. As he returns home, he leaves an important part of our government in better condition than when he arrived. He laid the valuable groundwork for our continued efforts to carry out the SEC's mission of investor protection. But most importantly, Mr. Walker reaffirms our confidence in caring, effective public service.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I wish Mr. Walker the best of luck in his future endeavors and well-deserved success!